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Renew before it is too late.

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PALMER QUILTS HIS CHILDREN

Relinquishes All Claims on Them.
Judge Carter Now Has Full Liberty to Place Them Where He May.

The story will be recalled as published in the Message last week concerning the two Palmer children abandoned by their parents at Vandalia and Judge Alex Carter of the County Court going down and taking them in charge, bringing them to his home in Mexico, furnishing them with proper clothing and giving the baby, six months old, which was sick, necessary medical attention.

In the meantime Judge Carter began a trail of Palmer. He was found in Chicago. He was notified that he must come and care for his children or he would be prosecuted to the limit of the law.

Last Thursday Palmer appeared here. He had all the guise of a tramp and evidently had beaten his way thru on the cars. He acknowledged everything and said he was down and out and went before County Clerk Ross Cauthorn and relinquished all claim on his children. Said he was not able to care for them. So they are now in the hands of Judge Carter absolutely, who desires to find a home for them in some good family. Both are girls, one, Helen Lucile, aged 10 years, and the other, the baby, Evelyn Eleanor, six months old. They are interesting little folks, smart and intelligent.

Palmer is thought to have been quite well off at one time. He is only about 35 years old and has been married three times. We are guessing he got a woman or two who helped him spend his money all right. He inherited his money from his father.

BARN BURNED.

The barn on James Wilkins' and A. L. Bruton's farm near Rush Hill was destroyed by lightning Wednesday of last week. Guy Elder has charge of the farm. Mr. Elder lost a mule and horse which were housed in the barn.

OFFERS RESIGNATION.

Judge J. T. Williams resigned last week as Police Judge. Mr. Williams' health has been failing, and he concluded it best to retire. He is 79 years old. The vacancy is to be filled by a special election August 7.

SHEEP KILLING DOGS.

Dogs got 11 head of A. W. Martin's sheep near Martinsburg last week. James English of the same neighborhood lost six sheep in the same way. The latter had been offered \$10 a head for his sheep. The dogs were hunted down and were made to bite the dust also.

Wheat in Monroe county is yielding only from four to 15 bushels to the acre.

Miss Margaret Wright, attending ing M. S. U., visited her home in Mexico Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Polson are planning to move to St. Louis.

Miss Gertrude Fry is enjoying a visit from her friend, Miss Blanche Warbritton, of Crawfordville, Ind.

Etha Johnson, colored, was fined \$300 and sentenced to six months in jail in Judge J. H. Wayne's court Friday on the charge of bootlegging.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rice and children of Ossawatimie, Kansas, came on a visit last week to Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Emmons.

Justice John H. Wayne has been appointed as Acting Police Judge, to succeed Judge J. T. Williams, resigned.

HOT AS A BAKE OVEN.

Is the kitchen that does not have a Revonoc Oil Cook Stove. Over 400 in use in this vicinity.

L. Roy Ferris.

Mrs. Wallace Pearson is home from Lexington, Mo., where she was a speaker in the local option campaign.

CIRCUIT COURT NOTES.

The following suits have been filed for trial at the September term of the Circuit Court:

B. F. White vs. Oliver Parker et al. To perfect title.

Bulkers Supply Co. vs. J. B. Evans Con. Co. On contract.

O. J. Barnes vs. Fred S. Hathaway Pro. Co. On account.

Mrs. Lena M. Pike et al vs. Girtle Bogan et al. Partition.

S. E. Stratton, guardian, vs. M. W. A. of America, on policy.

Wm. McKinley, attachment.

W. A. Knight et al vs. St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co., on policy.

D. D. Jenkins vs. George Pearl Jenkins, divorce.

A. H. Canterbury et al vs. John Hatcher et al, partition.

A. W. Jamison et al vs. J. C. Jamison et al, to perfect title.

T. W. Asbury vs. Gertrude Asbury, divorce.

J. H. Springer et al vs. E. R. Taft, Jemima Underwood vs. estate of E. C. S. Miller, appealed probate.

Farmers' Bank of Laddonia vs. J. H. Huff et al, attachment.

MRS. TABITHA MILDRED.

Mrs. Tabitha Mildred, for more than twenty-two years a faithful member of our Mexico Church, passed to her reward on last Wednesday morning and crossed the bar to be with God and her loved ones.

Mrs. Mildred was born in Kentucky on December 2, 1828, and was married to Daniel Mildred May 27, 1852. The following year, with her husband, she moved to Missouri and located near Hatton in Callaway county, where her husband died in the year 1895, in the month of May.

She leaves a brother and one sister. The brother, John Mildred, lives in Dover, Colorado, and the sister, Mrs. Fannie Coons, resides in Mexico. She leaves eight children to mourn her departing. They are: Mrs. Nannie R. Sipple, Fayette, Mo.; Mrs. C. H. Brown, Mexico; A. G. Mildred, Benton City, Mo.; Mrs. William Vivion of Mexico; A. G. Mildred, Livermore, Colo.; Mrs. A. H. Moore, of Mexico; Miss Millie Mildred of Mexico; and T. H. Mildred of Cent.

The funeral services, after a brief service at home, was conducted at the old home church, Pleasant Grove, near the old home at Hatton, by her pastor, and she was laid to rest by her husband in the Pleasant Grove cemetery.

May the abiding presence comfort the mourning hearts.

JOHN X. BROWN.

John X. Brown, honored citizen, devoted churchman and distinguished as one of the most prominent Republicans of this Congressional district, died at his home in this city last Saturday. His health had been declining for some time. About a year ago he went to Mayo Hospital for treatment, but the relief was only temporary.

Mr. Brown was 67 years old. He was a native of Callaway county. About 20 years ago he became a citizen of Mexico. He was twice married. The first wife was Miss Fannie Offutt. The second was Miss Hattie Van Deventer, who survives him. Two daughters survive him—Miss Hattie Brown and Mrs. Charles Clark, both of this city. Four brothers also survive him—R. H. Brown of this city; B. D. of Texas; I. J. of Salem, Mo., and R. L. of Clairmont, Okla. A sister, Mrs. F. G. Craggett, lives in Kansas City.

The funeral was held at the home Monday afternoon, conducted by his pastor, Rev. A. A. Wallace, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Brown was a man of high worth. High-minded, conscientious, true to his convictions. The community will miss him.

The pastor conducted the funeral services of little Parolee Atkins, the 20-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Turner Atkins, Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock at the Beaver Dam Baptist Church. We greatly sympathize with these young parents in the death of their little girl. May the Lord comfort them in their bereavement.

VIEWS & INTERVIEWS

C. C. Heizer: I was in Colorado Springs several years ago and was so delighted with the altitude and good water that I made up my mind I must have a home there. But before I got off on my return to Missouri there came up a real sleet and snow storm. There was sleet on the trees next morning. It was in the month of August, too. Don't you know that settled it with me? No, I didn't want a home anywhere in Colorado after that.

J. B. Slavens: Have I been away from home on a visit? Nay, verily, I've been at work. George Duncan and I are building Buddie Paul's fine new house in the south part of town.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Botkin enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Botkin's sister, Mrs. A. C. Hudson, of Montgomery City, and the latter's three daughters, Mrs. Thomas Owings of Montgomery City, Mrs. James Norton of St. Louis and Miss Julia Hudson of Oklahoma City, Okla.

S. L. Robison: Of course the cost will mount up, as you suggested. The Message quoted my company a hundred times too high as to their bid to furnish oil to oil the Boulevard. How did you make such a mistake? You said the bid was \$4.10 per gallon when you should have said 100 gallons for \$4.10.

Live Stock Reporter: Gray Wilson, from Audrain county, Mo., had on the St. Louis market Wednesday a consignment of hives which ranked well with the best ones on sale. His price was \$9 per cwt. for 17 head of 1385 pounders that were as fat as corn and proper handling could make them. The cattle were put thru the winter on shock corn and later finished on bluegrass with plenty of good yellow corn. The bunch was of Mr. Wilson's own raising, running largely to Shorthorns with an inclusion of Herefords. The feeding required about six months.

"It was pretty dry up in our section of the country until a recent heavy rain," stated the Audrain countian to a Reporter representative. "This was quite beneficial all around, especially to the corn, which is not as large as it should be at this time of year. Cold weather early is responsible for this dwarfed condition, but the right kind of weather will yet bring things all right. There has been a large area given to corn and there should be plenty of it. We have oats in abundance and more grass than I have ever seen in that locality."

STEPHENS-GREGORY.

On last Sunday evening, after the union service we had the pleasure of uniting in marriage, Miss Ruby Stephens of Wellsville, and Mr. Halie Gregory of Mexico, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gregory, just south of town.

Our best wishes follow these young people as they begin life's pilgrimage together, that theirs may be a happy journey.

E. R. Locke has donated a lung-motor to the Mexico Hospital. It is a wonderful and most useful instrument, especially in cases of drowning, suspended respiration, etc.

Ben Dobyns is attending the Inter-denominational Sunday School Convention at Geneva, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Clark entertained with a buffet dinner Friday for Mrs. Joe Potts and two daughters, Mrs. Lowery and Mrs. Robertson, of San Antonio, Texas.

Congress has passed a land bank bill and President Wilson has signed it and it is now a law.

Where is Gardner's land bank bill in Missouri. It is nit. The U. S. Congress beat him to it.

Another lot of Moon Buggies just received and everyone a beauty. We want every man, woman and child to call and see our line of pleasurable articles.

L. Roy Ferris.

Our friend, James Quinlan, is regaining his former good health. We are glad to learn. He will rusticate in a new auto this summer.

RAILROAD WAGES

Shall they be determined by Industrial Warfare or Federal Inquiry?

To the American Public:

Do you believe in arbitration or industrial warfare?

The train employees on all the railroads are voting whether they will give their leaders authority to tie up the commerce of the country to enforce their demands for a 100 million dollar wage increase.

The railroads are in the public service—your service. This army of employees is in the public service—your service.

You pay for rail transportation 3 billion dollars a year, and 44 cents out of every dollar from you goes to the employees.

On all the Western railroads in 1915, seventy-five per cent of the train employees earned these wages (lowest, highest and average of all) as shown by the pay rolls—

	Passenger		Freight		Yard	
	Range	Average	Range	Average	Range	Average
Engineers	\$1747	\$2195	\$1537	\$2071	\$1056	\$1378
	3094		3076		2445	
Conductors	1543	1878	1454	1935	1151	1355
	2789		2933		2045	
Firemen	933	1317	751	1181	418	973
	2078		2059		1552	
Brakemen	854	967	874	1135	862	1107
	1719		1961		1821	

The average yearly wage payments to all Western train employees (including those who worked only part of the year) as shown by the 1915 payrolls were—

	Passenger	Freight	Yard
Engineers	\$2038	\$1737	\$1218
Conductors	1772	1624	1292
Firemen	1218	973	832
Brakemen	921	1000	1026

A 100 million dollar wage increase for men in freight and yard service (less than one-fifth of all employees) is equal to a 5 per cent advance in all freight rates.

The managers of the railroads, as trustees for the public, have no right to place this burden on the cost of transportation to you without a clear mandate from a public tribunal speaking for you.

The railroads have proposed the settlement of this controversy either under the existing national arbitration law, or by reference to the Interstate Commerce Commission. This offer has been refused by the employees' representatives.

Shall a nation-wide strike or an investigation under the Government determine this issue?

National Conference Committee of the Railways

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The annual Modern Woodman picnic at Martinsburg is to be held August 15.

Miss Katharine Haskell is visiting in Columbia.

Miss Mary Pryor is home from a visit in Pike county.

Miss Kathryn Donnelly of St. Louis is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Donnelly, southeast of Mexico.

Miss Leona Smiley of Santa Fe is visiting Miss Alaska Wright in Mexico.

Mrs. Mary and Martha Dearing gave a delightful tea Wednesday for Miss Marie Rose, who is to be married to Mr. Lafayette Gordon in August.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Pearson are visiting in Fulton.

Justice R. B. Hootch united in marriage at his office Monday Mr. Orville Sampson and Miss Bertha Merle Whyte, both of this city.

Sterling Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Carter, north of Mexico, is suffering from an attack of typhoid fever.

THE AUDRAIN COUNTY FAIR

The School Children and Pioneers Will Each Have Free Entrance Days. Special Trains to Be Run.

Mitchell White, secretary of the Mexico Fair, says the Fair promises to see all records broken in attendance this year. On the first day every country school child under 14 will be admitted free to take part in the special program arranged for their benefit and in charge of County Superintendent of Schools W. Clyde Johnson and educators from the State University.

These events will start in the morning and last a good part of the day. They have been arranged so that they will be along the lines the students have been working in school and for the purpose of proving an added stimulus to their studies.

Friday will be "Old Settlers' Day" and already quite a number of men over 70 years of age have registered as eligible for tickets on that occasion. There will be distributed free tickets to these pioneers. Special trains over the South Branch of the Alton will be run into Mexico on Fair Week. The \$500 mule ring being on Friday promises to add much to the attendance on that occasion.

Every day this year will be a big one. The Fair is being advertised thruout this section almost as completely as a circus and the management feel that Mexico will benefit largely because of the unusual success expected of the entertainment this season.

Attorney Harry Stocks is mentioned as a suitable man to succeed Judge J. T. Williams, resigned as Police Judge. Mr. Stocks is all right. We second his nomination.

The Ladies' Improvement Club of McCredie has built and furnished an entertainment hall costing \$1,036. Haven't the ladies of Skinner, Audrain county, done the same thing? It all shows the proper community spirit. We are rejoiced to see the ladies taking hold of these enterprises.

Roy Creasey of St. Louis visited his father here last week. Mr. Mason Creasey.

Nichols & Fry, north of Molino, sold their wheat this week, which they had been holding, at \$1.00 per bushel. They let 1,006 bushels go at that figure.

Miss Frances Bickley of Raton, N. M., daughter of Attorney H. L. Bickley, formerly of this city, is visiting Mrs. J. T. Gatewood, the Misses Dobyns and other relatives in this county.

Col. W. D. Fonville is visiting in Alabama.

J. W. Plunkett is visiting at Fruitland, S. C. He's getting a sniff of the ozone of the mountains.

Mrs. Marlow Shock of the Bethel neighborhood, southwest of Mexico, is recovering after an illness of several weeks' duration.

A. B. Weidler, south of Mexico, says the corn began to need rain. But the weather was fine for oats and hay harvesting.

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